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Applicant: Katsushi NIHEI

Title: MOBILE TURRET SYSTEM CONNECTED TO VIRTUAL  
TURRET SYSTEM BY REMOTE COMPUTING (As  
Amended)

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 3, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time for three months to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document. Also, a substitute specification is being submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: